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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5132

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, GT, UK

SUBJECT: DISPUTE AT THE UNGA

REF: (A) STATE 246409; (B) GUATEMALA 5607

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE

(A), USUN MISSION OFFICER PASSED TEXT CONTAINED IN REFERENCE (A) TO UK MISSION OFFICER RICHARDSON.

2. US MISSION OFFICER ALSO HAD TWO BRIEF CONVERSATIONS WITH RICHARDSON ON OCTOBER 17. IN THE FIRST, RICHARDSON DENIED THAT THERE WAS ANY RIFT BETWEEN SHOMAN AND THE UK MISSION AND EXPLAINED THAT SHOMAN'S DEPARTURE FOR BELIZE FOR CONSULTATIONS WAS SCHEDULED OVER A MONTH AGO.

3. RICHARDSON SAID THAT THE BELIZEAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ROGERS AND MINISTER COURTNEY ARE EXPECTED THIS EVENING (OCTOBER 17) AND THAT RICHARDSON AND UK PERM REP RICHARDS WILL MEET WITH THEM, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. RICHARDSON COMMENTED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, THE GUATEMALANS HAVE NOT REPEAT HAVE NOT BEEN LOBBYING  
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ACTIBELY ON BELIZE BUT HAVE HAD SOME CONSULTATIONS

WITHIN THE LATINE AMERICAN GROUP.

5. HE SAID THAT HE WAS QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS BUT WAS UNABLE TO ELABORATE AT THAT TIME BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS.

6. THE SECOND CONVERSATION FOLLOWED DELIVERY OF THE TEXT TO RICHARDSON AND HIS QUICK PERUSAL OF IT. HE COMMENTED THAT HE BELIEVED HMG AGREED WITH THE FIRST HALF BUT WOULD HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE LAST PARAGRAPH ON SELF DETERMINATION WHICH HE SAID WAS A "BIT TOO COMPLICATED". TO RESPOND TO IN DETAIL AT THAT TIME.

7. HE ASSURED US THAT THERE IS ALREADY A REFERENCE TO NEGOTIATIONS IN THE TEXT OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION TO WHICH THE GOG HAS AGREED. HE ADDED THAT HMG HAS ASSURED THE GOG THAT BELIZE HAS NO INTENTION OF UNILATERALLY DECLARING INDEPENDENCE AND EXPLAINED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE NO MEANS OF DEFENDING THEMSELVES.

8. RICHARDSON SAID THAT THERE IS "NO HOPE IN HELL" OF A RESOLUTION TO WHICH THE GUATEMALANS COULD AGREE AND THAT A RESOLUTION TO WHICH BOTH PARTIES COULD AGREE WOULD BE "MEANINGLESS" IN ANY CASE. WHAT HMG HOPES FOR IS A RESOLUTION WHICH THE GUATEMALANS CAN AQUIESCE IN SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS CAN THEN BE RESUMED."

9. RICHARDSON SAID THAT THE MEETING WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ROGERS HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 20. RICHARDSON SUGGESTED A MEETING WITH USUN MISSION ON MONDAY TO BRING US UP TO DATE AND DISCUSS OTHER ASPECTS OF THE BELIZE DISPUTE WHICH WERE PRECLUDED BY THE BREVITY OF TODAY'S CONVERSATIONS.

COMMENT: RICHARDSON IS HANDLING THE SPANISH SAHARA QUESTION FOR THE UK MISSION AND WAS CONSEQUENTLY VERY PRESSED FOR TIME.

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